

## ROLL CALL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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**MONTANA STATE SENATE  
2007 LEGISLATURE**

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DATE 2-9-07

BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY SB 390

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NAME	PHONE	REPRESENTING	BILL #	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Lynn Allison	716-3212	Am. Assn. of Univ. Comm	390	yes	
Judy Peasley	240-4626	Missoula L.O./MT BPW	390	yes!	
BARBARA BROWN	388-4275	A / A U W	390	yes	
Lee Hipsher	727-5915	AAUW - Great Falls School Dist	390	✓	
Diane Ehemberger	388-2462	AAUW - Bozeman	390	yes	
Birdie Dapples	698-3227	AAUW - Billings	390	yes	
Karen McIntosh	586 8913	AAUW - Bozeman	390	yes	
Ann Juncos	338-5689	Browning School Bd or Trustees	390	yes	
Laura Ferguson	442-4690	family & children	390	YES	
Terri Middagh	443-7344	<del>Teacher</del> Teacher	390	yes	
Tom Kondrat	455-9440	MT Indian Education Assoc	390	y	
Pete Carparelli	439-0679	MQEC	390	yes	
Amanda Arnold	546-2352	MHRN	390	yes	
Jacquie Helt	544-9682	MT AFL-CIO	390	X	
<del>Bob Ritz</del>	<del>338-2288</del>	<del>MT AFL-CIO</del>	<del>390</del>	<del>*</del>	
Linda Gryczan	431-3635	AAUW	390	✓	
Martha Kohl	449-2504	parent	390	y	
Jeanne Behrman	273-0213	USA / MFT	390	yes	
Olivia Ruita	445-0497	WEEZ	390	✗	
Russell Bohm	531-1525	Little Shell chippewa tribe	390	yes	
ENK Buik	442-4250	MEP - MFT	390	✓	

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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REPRESENTING self  
APPEARING ON WHICH BILL 390  
DO YOU: SUPPORT ☒ OPPOSE ☐ AMEND ☐

COMMENTS (OPTIONAL):

1- My 5th grade class has 23 students  
7 of those students ~~have~~ <sup>are</sup> direct  
descendants of ~~18th~~ <sup>19th</sup> ~~century~~ <sup>century</sup> Apache  
tribes of ~~multiple~~ <sup>various</sup> tribes  
including Salish, Seneca, Apache,  
Coe, Cherokee and Chippewa  
They & their fellow students are  
benefiting from Indian Ed for All  
Funding

2- Indian Ed for All money has allowed  
for the purchase of materials &  
Relevant Books - Materials are expensive,  
for essential training of teachers  
without Indian Ed for All money  
none of this would have happened,

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An Indian  
& American  
History  
Literature

Bill 390: Indian Education for All  
Testimony in support: Amanda Arnold, MHRN  
February 9, 2007

It is imperative that a society be in a perpetual state of reexamining its history. We must constantly do so in order to correct and supplant the potential to repeat past mistakes. To that end, it is absolutely necessary that we as the people of the great state of Montana follow through on educational goals which preserve the cultural integrity of the American Indians. To participate in this effort of cross-cultural understanding means to be true to our state Constitution.

**Article 10, Section 1, Part 2. reads (Educational goals and duties.)** The state recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of the American Indians and is committed in its educational goals to the preservation of their cultural integrity.

Indeed it is through our differences that we realize the many ways in which we are united.

All of this being said, it took from 1972 to 2005 to fund this constitutional mandate. Having finally done so last session, there has thus far been a shocking attempt to repeal this effort. The best example of which is the recent cut of \$2.9 million to the Indian Education Office (OPI) in the House Appropriations committee. We must stem the tide of these cuts and push for a bold stand on the need for a strong Indian education program in Montana. To that end, I urge you to honor the ideals that this bill stands for and pass Bill 390, Indian education for all, on to the Senate floor.

# Montana State Legislature

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